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Labour Force Activity - July 2018 -

Overview

Labour force information released by Statistics Canada today indicates that the Northwest Territories' employment rate rose by 1.6 percentage points from the previous month to 67.4% in July 2018. The number of employed persons increased for a third consecutive month to 21,900.

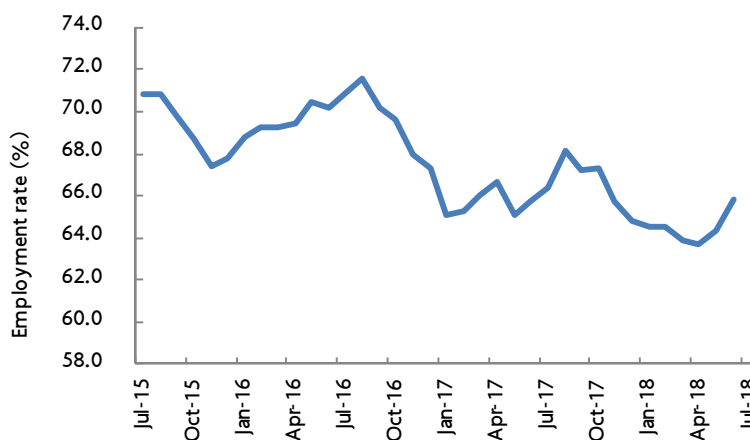
Table 1 shows year-over-year changes in key labour force indicators. There were 400 more persons employed in July 2018 with increases in both full-time and part-time employment. The number of persons not in the labour force dropped as more people were working or actively seeking employment.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories, July 2018

	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17	Change from 12 months ago	
				No.	%
Population 15 & Older	32,500	32,500	32,400	100 ↑	0.3
Labour force	23,600	23,400	23,000	600 ↑	2.6
Employment	21,900	21,400	21,500	400 ↑	1.9
Full-time	19,300	18,700	19,000	300 ↑	1.6
Part-time	2,600	2,700	2,500	100 ↑	4.0
Unemployment	1,700	2,000	1,500	200 ↑	13.3
Not in labour force	8,900	9,100	9,300	(400) ↓	(4.3)
Participation rate (%)	72.6	72.0	71.0		
Unemployment rate (%)	7.2	8.5	6.5		
Employment rate (%)	67.4	65.8	66.4		

Figure 1 shows NWT employment rates over the past three years. While still following seasonal fluctuations, the employment rate has been on a downward trend. Compared to previous years, the July 2018 employment rate was the second lowest for that month since 2009.

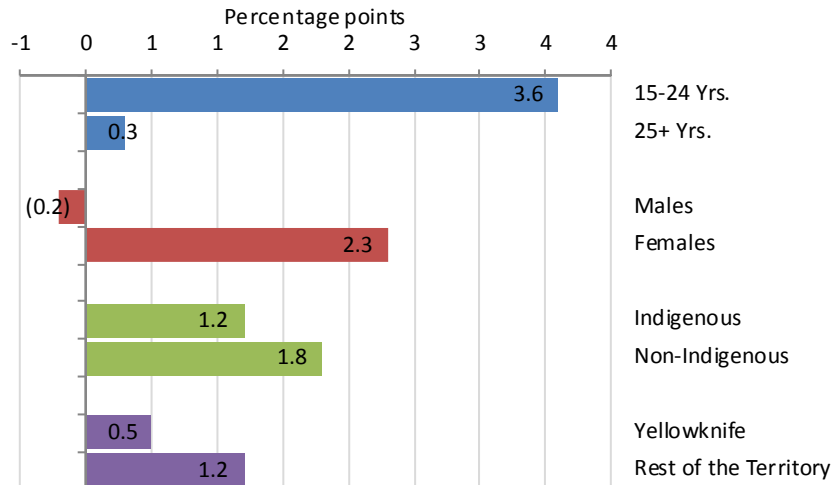
Figure 1: Employment Rates, NWT, 2015 - 2018



Employment by key demographic characteristics

Except for males, year-over-year employment rates rose for all key demographic characteristics. The percentage points increase in the employment rate was highest among youths aged 15-24 years (3.6 p.p.), followed by females (2.3 p.p.).

Figure 2: Year-over-year change in Employment Rates - NWT, July 2018



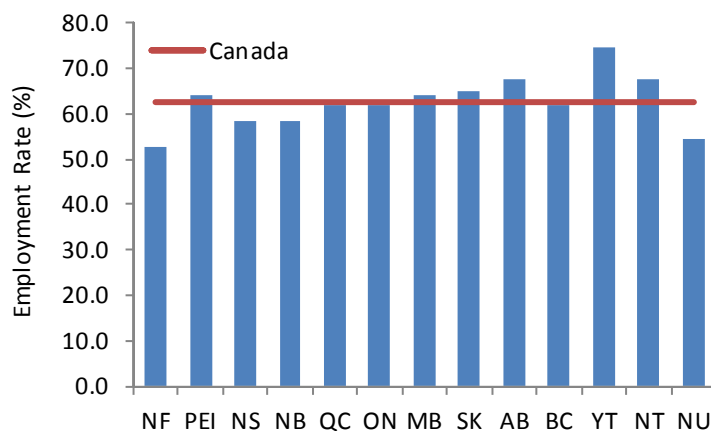
Employment by employment type, class of worker, and industry

While overall year-over-year employment increased by 400 persons, employment results by sector were mixed. Employment gains in the services-producing sector (+900) were off-set by losses in the goods-producing sector (-500). Likewise, self-employment decreased by 400, while the number of employees increased by 800 persons.

National highlights

Nationally, the employment rate in Canada rose to 62.4% in July 2018. Among the provinces and territories, Yukon maintained the highest employment rate at 74.6%, followed by Alberta (67.7%) and the Northwest Territories (67.4%). Newfoundland & Labrador and Nunavut had the lowest employment rates at 52.5% and 54.4%, respectively.

Figure 3: Employment Rates, Provinces & Territories, July 2018



Historical labour force activity

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 3: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Jul-18	32,500	23,600	21,900	1,700	8,900	72.6	7.2	67.4
Jun-18	32,500	23,400	21,400	2,000	9,100	72.0	8.5	65.8
May-18	32,500	22,700	20,900	1,900	9,800	69.8	8.4	64.3
Apr-18	32,500	22,500	20,700	1,800	10,000	69.2	8.0	63.7
Mar-18	32,400	22,700	20,700	2,000	9,700	70.1	8.8	63.9
Feb-18	32,400	22,800	20,900	1,900	9,600	70.4	8.3	64.5
Jan-18	32,400	22,900	20,900	2,000	9,500	70.7	8.7	64.5
Dec-17	32,400	22,600	21,000	1,600	9,900	69.8	7.1	64.8
Nov-17	32,400	22,800	21,300	1,500	9,600	70.4	6.6	65.7
Oct-17	32,400	23,400	21,800	1,500	9,000	72.2	6.4	67.3
Sep-17	32,300	23,300	21,700	1,600	9,000	72.1	6.9	67.2
Aug-17	32,300	23,400	22,000	1,400	9,000	72.4	6.0	68.1
Previous Years:								
Jul-17	32,400	23,000	21,500	1,500	9,300	71.0	6.5	66.4
Jul-16	32,600	25,100	23,100	2,100	7,500	77.0	8.4	70.9
Jul-15	31,800	24,500	22,500	2,000	7,300	77.0	8.2	70.8
Jul-14	32,300	24,900	22,700	2,200	7,400	77.1	8.8	70.3
Jul-13	32,600	26,200	24,300	1,900	6,400	80.4	7.3	74.5
Jul-12	32,400	25,800	23,500	2,300	6,600	79.6	8.9	72.5
Jul-11	32,300	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,800	78.9	7.8	72.8
Jul-10	32,000	24,000	21,900	2,100	8,100	75.0	8.8	68.4
Jul-09	31,800	22,800	21,200	1,600	9,000	71.7	7.0	66.7
Jul-08	31,800	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,200	77.4	8.1	71.1

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national Labour Force Survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca/> or call (867) 767-9169.

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